

(Washington, DC)— U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore (D-Milwaukee) today lauded Labor Secretary Hilda Solis' announcement of nearly \$150 million in 'Pathways Out Of Poverty' grants included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to help provide education and job training, placement and retention services for people below or near the poverty line.

Jobs for the Future, a national nonprofit, will receive nearly \$8 million for work in Milwaukee, Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and Philadelphia. According to the organization more than \$1 million will come to Milwaukee through partner organizations including Milwaukee Builds, Milwaukee Service Corps, Milwaukee Christian Center, Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership and the Milwaukee Department of Public Works.

Congresswoman Moore said, "Since this funding will help many Milwaukee area residents get the training they need to work in clean-energy fields, it can create the qualified workforce needed to attract jobs in this growing sector to our area. This grant is targeted so that hard-hit communities will receive this much-needed funding."

The Labor Department encouraged projects to focus in areas where poverty rates are 15 percent or higher.

Detailed information on all projects announced today can be found on the Department of Labor's [website](#) .

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